2008 USA ASA Girls' Class A 10-under Fastpitch National

"Experience Hoosier Hospitality" Bloomington, Indiana

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

A. ENTRY DEADLINE/ROSTERS/ENTRY FEE:

The entry deadline is Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at 5:00pm. Checks need to be made out to **BLOOMINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION**. The listed items below are to be mailed to the following address:

- 1. ASA Advancement form from qualifying event or State Commissioner.
- 2. Official Team Name/T-shirt/Sign/Qualifying Origin form in this packet
- 3. Entry fee of \$350
- 4. Championship roster/affidavit

Bloomington Parks and Recreation

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B. PRE-TOURNAMENT TEAM MANAGER CHECK-IN:

Tuesday, July 29, 11am–Noon: Bloomington Convention Center: 302 S. College Avenue. This check-in is for managers only. Players check in prior to their first game.

C. MANAGERS' MEETING:

Tuesday, July 29: Noon-2pm: Bloomington Convention Center: 302 S. College Avenue. Tournament draw and rules will be discussed at this mandatory meeting for managers. Food will be provided for one team manager. An additional 50 people total may be admitted to the dinner for \$16 each with a prior reservation. Call or e-mail the tournament director for a reservation.

D. **OPENING CEREMONIES:**

Tuesday, July 29 at 5pm. Representatives from all teams are expected to attend in full uniform. We encourage you to bring your state's flag to the ceremony. Team signs will be supplied. Location is Assembly Hall on the campus of Indiana University. This is the home arena for Hoosier basketball.

E. TEAM PICTURES:

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F. **OPENING PLAY:**

Wednesday, July 30 at 8am. The earliest a team could possibly be eliminated from the tournament would be late on Friday, August 1. That assumes no rain.

G. PLAYER IDENTIFICATION:

Each member of a Junior Olympic team competing at all ASA Championships must provide proper identification to the tournament director before the start of competition.

They may be done on site, at check-in. Proper identification includes a current photo, players' signature, and proof of age. Acceptable age verification includes; birth certificate, baptismal certificate, hospital certificate, drivers' license, photo ID card issued by a local ASA Commissioner and/or their designate or a valid passport. See ASA Code 2004, Article 501 for any further explanation.

H. Gift Exchange:

It is customary to have a gift exchange between teams. Each girl and two managers will exchange with a designated team at opening ceremonies. Please plan for 18 players and 3 managers. Suggested gifts are under \$5 and usually are unique to your area. Suggestions include pins, food items, T-shirts.

I. Lodging:

Bloomington Parks and Recreation and Monroe County Convention and Visitors Bureau have negotiated guaranteed quality and prices with select properties. These select properties will honor committed availability, have been screened for quality, and have locked-in prices. You may go outside the select properties, but rooms will likely be more expensive and the quality varies greatly. The process for lodging is as follows:

- 1. Access the Bloomington Monroe County Convention and Visitors Bureau sports property listings at www.hoosiersports.org
- 2. Select 2008 ASA National and shop those properties listed
- 3. Call or book your rooms directly with the properties

GENERAL INFORMATION

A. **AWARDS**:

Team awards to the top 5 teams. Individual awards to the top 2 teams.

B. Format

Two pool play games and double elimination is the standard format specified for the USA/ASA Nationals in 2008. Pool play begins Wednesday morning, July 30 and will be scheduled to end that day. New in 2008 ASA Code, pool play results do not determine placement in double elimination brackets. Double Elimination brackets are drawn before pool play begins and pool play is used to enhance the participation experience.

C. Playing Fields:

Two complexes will be used during the running of these two events simultaneously. Maps and directions will be provided upon arrival but if you desire to get directions online, here are the names and addresses. Twin Lakes Sports Park, 2350 W. Bloomfield Road, 47403 and Winslow Sports Park, 2301 S. Highland, 47401. Both facilities have four diamonds specified for Girl's Fast Pitch fence and base distances.

D. **Draw Procedure:**

Article 511 of the ASA Code governs the draw. The double elimination draw will be done in advance of teams arriving and posted on this web page no later than Monday, July 28 at 5pm. The national ASA office strongly suggests pool draws also be done in

advance to give teams advanced notice. Pool play will also be listed by Monday, July 28.

E. UNIFORMS:

All players competing at the USA/ASA Nationals shall properly wear uniforms that are alike in color, trim, and style. Short or long pants may be mixed. Coaches must be neatly attired or dressed in team uniform in accordance with the color code of the team. Please see the ASA official playing rules - Rule 3, section 6 for complete information.

F. LINE-UPS:

Tournament officials will provide line-up cards for each team. An official line-up must be submitted to the scorekeeper at least 15 minutes prior to the game scheduled time.

G. GAME TIMES:

Please follow the times listed on the tournament bracket. Game time is forfeit time. Teams should be prepared to start a game once the preceding games are completed. One hour and forty minute time limit on pool play. No time limit on double elimination.

H. INFIELD PRACTICE/PRE-TOURNAMENT PRACTICE:

No infield practice will be permitted. Warm-up is allowed in designated areas only. Teams may warm-up in the outfield grass if time permits. Warm-up is allowed in the area between 200' temporary fences and 300' permanent fences. Teams wishing to practice may reserve a practice field by calling (812) 349-3700 from 8am - 5pm Monday - Friday.

I. **BENCH AREA:**

Players, coaches, sponsors and a bat person are the only individuals allowed in the bench area.

J. PROTESTS:

The tournament committee will decide all protests. As manager, please be familiar with rules of the game including proper protest procedures. See ASA playing rule 9.

K. RUN RULE:

The 15 after three innings and 8 after five innings rule is in effect.

L. RAIN DELAY:

In the event of rain or any cause which interrupts a game, the game must be resumed at the exact point where it was stopped. It is the manager's responsibility to call the rain information hotline (349-3610), or visit the information tent for re-scheduled game information. Bloomington has completed every national tournament we have hosted in the past and we intend to complete this one.

M. TEAM SEATING:

The team at the top of the bracket will use the 1st base dugout. The team listed on the bottom of the bracket will use the 3rd base dugout.

N. **OFFICIAL GAME BALLS:**

The official balls for the tournament will be 11 inch, yellow optic, 47 Cor, 375 compression Worth ball.

O. GAME RULES:

All playing rules and regulations for the tournament will be governed by the 2008 ASA Official Guide and Rulebook.

P. **CONDUCT:**

Managers and coaches are asked to have complete control of their players, parents, and supporting spectators both on and off the field. The tournament committee will deal with any report of damage by hotel management. Spectators that become abusive or generally vulgar to umpires, opposing players, or fans will be handled in a 3 step process. One, notification to the manager at a breaking point in the game. Two, direct warning to the violators. Three, suspension of the game; ejection of the individual from the facility within a two minute time period.

Q. ELIGIBILITY:

Please see the 2008 ASA Code Article 501for clarifications and interpretations.

R. **PLAYER PASSES:**

Player passes will be distributed to rostered players and **two** coaches/managers. **All participants must have a pass to gain entrance to the softball complexes.** Participants without player passes will be required to pay the daily admission price. The player passes and two coaches/managers will be distributed at the team check-in. We do not allow bat persons, scorekeepers, or more than two coaches/managers free admittance. More coaches passes can be purchased at check-in.

S. **SOUVENIRS:**

Souvenirs will be available throughout the weekend at the Twin Lakes Sports Park and Winslow Sports Park.

T. **ADMISSION:**

Daily gate admission is: \$7 Adults: \$4 Youth (17 and under): 5 years and under free

Tournament passes are: \$20 Adults: \$10 Youth

U. PETS/ SCOOTERS/ ROLLERBLADES/ ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

None of the above are allowed in our fenced ballfield area.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

The City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department manages over 20 parks

which feature tennis courts, basketball courts, picnic areas and playground equipment. In addition, the Department has a 27-hole golf course, 2 lakes and a community center. You and your guests are welcome to use these facilities while in Bloomington.

A complete packet of tourist information will be available at team check-in.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

John Turnbull, Bloomington Parks and Recreation, (812) 349-3712 from 8am -5pm or turnbulj@bloomington.in.gov, FAX (812) 349-3705.



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2008 ASA/USA GIRLS' CLASS A 10-UNDER FASTPITCH NATIONALS

July 29-August 3, 2008 T-SHIRT/SIGN/ORIGIN INFORMATION SHEET

TEAM NAME:	
LOCATION:	This information will be printed on a team sign to be carried at opening ceremonies and posted on your dugout at each game. This information will also be on the souvenir shirt. Deadline for this form to make T-shirt and sign is Friday, July 18, 2008.
WHERE DID YOUR	TEAM QUALIFY?
MANAGER'S NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
CITY/STATE/ZIP:	
PHONE NUMBERS	HOME: BUSINESS:
FAX:	

The entry fee is \$350, an official ASA championship roster is required, and an advancement form from your qualifying tournament. Deadline for money, roster, and advancement form is Tuesday, July 22, 2008.